

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 21, and 26 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended hereby. Claim 5 has been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 6, 10, 12, and 15 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 6, 7, 10-12, and 15; and that Claim 5, which depends directly from Claim 1, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Therefore, independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite all the limitations of Claim 5, and Claim 5 has been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 6, 10, 12, and 15, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition of allowance.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

An early issuance of a Notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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